

EVENING STAR.

STAR TWINKLINGS.

Twinkle brightly, Evening Star,
Shine for all and shine afar.

A Fact in Natural History.—Dean Jackson passing one morning through Christ Church quadrangle, met some under graduates, who passed along without capping. The Dean called one of them and asked:—

"Do you know who I am?"

"No, sir."

"How long have you been in college?"

"Eight days, sir."

"Oh, very well," said the Dean, walking away, "puppies don't open their eyes until the ninth day."

Sight vs. Fat.—An Irishman who was near sighted and about to fight a duel, insisted that he should stand six paces nearer his antagonist than the other did to him, and that they were both to fire at the same time! This beat the Sheridan's telling a fat man who was going to fight a thin one, that the latter's slim figure ought to be chalked on the other's portly person, and if the bullet hit him outside the chalk line, it was to go for nothing.

Tit for Tat.—A preacher who attended the sermon of another priest was asked his opinion of the discourse.

"I see," replied the critic, "that clear waters are not deep!"

The perspicuous orator sometime after became auditor of his learned brother's oration. "I see," said the former preacher, "that deep waters are not clear!"

To the Holiday Soldiers.

Thrash away, you'll have to rattle
On them little drums o' yours,—
'Tain't a knowin' kind o' cattle
That is ketching with mouldy corn;
Put in stuff, you feller,
Let folks see how spry you be—
Guess you'll tott too till you are yellor,
'Fore you get a hold o' me.

Hard Cases.—Compositors often grumble at the hardness of their lot. True, their business is always at a stand.

A Happy Turn.—"For what do you wink at me sir?" said a beautiful young lady, angrily, to a stranger, at a party an evening or two since.

"I beg your pardon, madam," replied the wit, "I winked as men do looking at the sun—your splendor dazzled my eyes."

Gravity.—A grave-digger, who exercised his vocation in a country town, was asked how he liked the business? He replied that he liked it pretty well, but should "like it better if he could have steady employment."

Striking.—Why does the blacksmith seem the most dissatisfied of all mechanics?

Because he is continually striking for wages.

Very Polite.—When Lieutenant O'Brian was blown up, in the "Edgar," and thrown on board the "Admiral" all black and wet, he said to the commander, with pleasantry, "I hope, sir, you will excuse my dirty appearance, for I left the ship in so great a hurry, that I had not time to change my dress."

Infant-ry.—A child asked his mother if storms ever made malt liquors, as he heard her tell Jane to bring in the clothes, as a storm was brewing.

Hard Hit.—"Is that Barnum?" said a young lady, as a man of large proportions advanced to the front of the stage. "What does he play on?" inquired her still younger companion. "He plays upon the people," growled out the gruff voice of an old gentleman a few seats off.

Wool Gatherers.

"You ask me why lawyers so much are increased, Though most of the country already are fleeced. The reason, I'm sure is most strikingly plain, Though sheep are oft sheared, yet the wool grows again: And though you may think e'er so odd of the matter, The oftener they're fleeced, the wool grows the better. Thus dowy chin'd boys, as oft I have heard, By frequently shaving, obtain a long beard."

A Naval Aid.—A person on whom the temperance reformation had produced no effect, entered in a state of exhalation, a temperance grocery in a neighboring town.

"Mr. —," exclaimed he, "do you—keep any—thing—good to take here?"

"Yes," replied the merchant, "we have some excellent cold water; the best thing in the world to take."

"Well, I know it," replied the Bacchante, "there's—nothing—that done so much for navigation as that."

Costly.—A Frenchman went to an English officer in Dublin, and requested permission to examine his Waterloo medal:

"Humph," said he, turning it over and over with an air of contempt, "a paltry affair; it did not cost your nation over three francs!"

"True," replied the officer, "but it cost yours a Napoleon."

Strict.—The following advertisement recently appeared in the *Saunders's News Letter*, published in Dublin, Ireland:—
"Wanted—a young woman to act as housemaid in a small family; also, a milch cow—must be of the established church."

Proposals for Stationery.

HOUSE REPRESENTATIVES UNITED STATES,
Clerk's Office, May 14th, 1853.

IN pursuance of the 17th section of the act of Congress of the 28th August, 1842, entitled "An act legalizing and making appropriations for such necessary objects as have been usually included in the general appropriation bills without authority of law, and to fix and provide for certain incidental expenses of the departments and offices of Government, and for other purposes"—which said 17th section is as follows:

SEC. 17. And be it further enacted, That all stationery of every name and nature, for the use of two houses of Congress, and all stationery and job printing, of every name and nature for the use of the several departments of Government, and for the bureaus and offices in those departments at Washington, including all stationery, blanks, wrapping paper, and twine and mail bags furnished the post offices and collectors' offices throughout the United States, shall hereafter be furnished and performed by contract, by the lowest bidder as follows: The Secretary of the Senate, the Clerk of the House of Representatives, the head of each department, and such deputy postmasters in the post office establishment, and collectors in the custom-house establishment as the Postmaster General and the Secretary of the Treasury shall respectively designate for that purpose, shall respectively advertise once a week for at least four weeks, in one or more of the principal papers published in the places where such articles are to be furnished, or such printing done, for sealed proposals for furnishing such articles, or the whole of any particular class of articles, or for doing such printing, or the whole or any specified job thereof, to be done at such place, specifying in such advertisement the amount, quantity, and description of each kind of articles to be furnished, and as near as may be, the nature, amount, and kind of printing to be done; and all such proposals shall be kept sealed until the day specified in such advertisement for opening the same, when they shall be opened by or under the direction of the officer making such advertisement, in the presence of at least two persons; and the person offering to furnish any class of such articles, or to perform any portion or specified job of said work, and giving satisfactory security for the performance thereof, under a forfeiture not exceeding twice the contract price in each case of failure, shall receive a contract for doing the same; and in case the lowest bidder shall fail to enter into such contract, and give such security within a reasonable time, to be fixed in such advertisement, then the contract shall be given to the next lowest bidder, who shall enter into such contract and give such security. And in case of a failure to supply the articles or to perform the work by the person entering into such contract, he and his sureties shall be liable for the forfeiture specified in such contract as liquidated damages, to be sued for in the name of the United States, in any court having jurisdiction thereof.

Sealed proposals will be received at this office until 10 o'clock, a. m., on Monday, the 21st day of June next, (at which time all the proposals will be opened,) for furnishing the articles of stationery hereinafter specified, for the use of the House of Representatives during the Thirty-third Congress—each article to be approved by the Clerk, viz:

DESCRIPTION OF ARTICLES.

Classes.	No.	DESCRIPTION OF ARTICLES.
No. 1	300	reams laid quarto post, faint-lined, finest quality.
" 2	100	do laid quarto post, unruled, finest quality.
" 3	150	do wove quarto post, faint-lined, finest quality.
" 4	75	do wove quarto post, unruled, finest quality.
" 5	50	do laid Bath post, faint-lined, finest quality.
" 6	25	do laid Bath post, unruled, finest quality.
" 7	20	do laid quarto and Bath post, gilt, faint-lined, finest quality.
" 8	10	do laid quarto and Bath post, gilt, unruled, finest quality.
" 9	30	do satin finish white cap paper, ruled.
" 10	10	do satin finish white cap paper, unruled.
" 11	150	do very finest laid note paper, white, gilt, in boxes, or packages, large size.
" 12	100	do very finest laid note paper, white, gilt, small size.
" 13	10	do quarto post, satin finish, black border.
" 14	10	do note paper, satin finish, black border.
" 15	600	do cartridge paper, tough, smooth surface, 21 by 25 inches, to weigh 25 pounds to the ream.
" 16	400	do cartridge paper, 15 by 21, same quality as above, and the same proportional weight.
" 17	400	do cartridge paper, 24 by 28, same quality as above, and the same proportional weight.
" 18	100	do four-blade pearl-handle pocket-knives, highest finish and best quality.
" 19	50	do same as above, buck handle.
" 20	100	do two-blade, pencil-handle penknives, highest finish and best quality. (50 dozen with two small blades, and 50 dozen with one large and one small blade.)
" 21	150	do cards three-pointed pens, Perry's, or same quality.
" 22	50	do boxes United States pens, Wheeler & Co., or same quality.
" 23	25	do commercial pens, Wheeler & Co.
" 24	50	do gross Perry's double patent pens, fine point.
" 25	25	do Windle's bullion pens.
" 26	300	do cards metallic pens, best quality, assorted.
" 27	300	do boxes metallic pens, best quality, assorted.
" 28	5	do gross pen-holders, best quality, assorted styles.
" 29	3	do porcupine quill pen-holders.
" 30	5	do dozen letter clips, gilt.
" 31	5	do do do bronze.
" 32	15	do alabaster paper weights, assorted patterns.
" 33	15	do cut-glass paper weights, best quality.
" 34	15	do 9-inch ivory folders, 1 inch wide, 9 oz., to the dozen.
" 35	8	do 9-inch ivory folders, with handles.
" 36	12	do pearl folders.
" 37	300	do square, ivory handle letter stamps.

Classes.	No. 38	DESCRIPTION OF ARTICLES.
No. 38	100	plain face, ivory handle letter stamps.
" 39	100	pounds medium size red wafers, in 2-ounce boxes.
" 40	100	do white wafers, 3-inch in diameter.
" 41	25	do small size transparent wafers.
" 42	100	do down red tape, No. 19.
" 43	150	do do do No. 25.
" 44	150	do half-pint bottles best black ink.
" 45	500	do glass ink-stands, best patterns.
" 46	12	do dozen morocco portfolios, letter size, steel locks, (best qualities only will be accepted.)
" 47	10	do dozen pieces best quality office tape.
" 48	5,000	best quality opaque quills, No. 84.
" 49	2,000	best quality clarified quills, No. 80.
" 50	75,000	note envelopes, adhesive, for large size note paper.
" 51	50,000	note envelopes, adhesive, for small size note paper.
" 52	5,000	note envelopes, adhesive, black border.
" 53	100,000	letter envelopes, adhesive, white, best quality.
" 54	50,000	letter envelopes, adhesive, brown, best quality.
" 55	25,000	small size letter envelopes, adhesive, white, best quality.
" 56	50,000	official envelopes, adhesive, white, best quality.
" 57	50,000	official envelopes, adhesive, buff, best quality.
" 58	7	do gross motto wafers.
" 59	25	do dozen memorandum books, assorted sizes.
" 60	500	pounds black sand.
" 61	20	do dozen sand boxes, good quality.
" 62	5	do gross best quality red lead pencils.
" 63	500	reams flat cap folding paper, white.

By the act approved June 17, 1844, the Clerk of the House of Representatives is "directed to confine his purchases exclusively to articles the growth and manufacture of the United States, provided the same can be procured of such growth and manufacture, of suitable quality and at reasonable prices, upon as good terms as to quality and price as can be obtained of foreign growth and manufacture." A preference will therefore be given to the productions of American industry; and all persons making proposals to supply any article will state whether the same is of the growth and manufacture of the United States.

The articles are to be delivered at the office of the Clerk on or before the 15th day of October next, and to be paid for as soon as the Committee on Accounts shall audit the bill.

Each bidder, though he may desire to propose for the whole of the articles above enumerated, will be required to make a separate and distinct proposal for each class; and no proposal or paper embracing more than a single class will be considered. Each proposal to be endorsed "Proposals for class No. [] of stationery for H. R. U. S.," and addressed to the undersigned. They will be free of postage.

Sufficient specimens of each class to accompany the proposal marked with the name of the bidder and the number of the class, according to the above advertisement.

The whole of each article specified in the foregoing list will be deemed a class, and the person offering to furnish any class or description of articles at the lowest price, quality considered, shall receive a contract for the same, on executing a bond, with two or more sureties, satisfactory to the Clerk, for the performance of the same, under a forfeiture of twice the contract price in case of failure; which bond must be filed in the office of said Clerk within ten days after the proposals have been opened and the result declared.

The right is reserved, in case it should be necessary, to order a further supply of all or any of the articles contained in the above list. The Clerk also reserves the right to judge and determine whether the articles offered conform to the articles furnished or not, and may, in his discretion, refuse to receive them, if in his opinion they do not answer the purpose for which they were intended.

JOHN W. FORNEY,
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ASHLAND, 20th July, 1849.
DEAR SIR: I wish to express to you the gratification I derived on receiving the July number of the Merchants' Magazine and Commercial Review, from viewing your portrait in the beginning, and from reading your address to your friends at the end of it. When we feel under obligations to those who have contributed to our information and amusement, we are naturally desirous to possess a knowledge of them, of their appearance, of the features of their countenance, and of the character and habits of their mind, which we can acquire. You have placed your numerous readers (at least you have me, if I may not speak for them) under those obligations; and the number of your valuable work now before me, in some degree, satisfies the desire to which I have alluded. I have become quite familiar with the Magazine and Review, and have no hesitation in expressing my humble opinion that it is eminently entitled to the public regard and support. It collects and arranges, in good order, a large amount of valuable statistical and other information, highly useful, not only to the merchant, but to the statesman, to the cultivator of the earth, to the manufacturer, to the mariner, in short, to all classes of the business and reading community.

Entertaining this opinion, I am glad that it has been, and hope that it may continue to be, liberally patronized. Offering you cordial assurances of my esteem and regard, I am truly your friend and obedient servant,
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Extract of a Letter from Millard Fillmore.

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Letter from the Hon. Thomas H. Benton.

WASHINGTON CITY, April 29, 1849.

SIR: I owe you many thanks for the opportunities I have had to read the Merchants' Magazine, and have found it in reality to be a Magazine, and that well replenished, of all the useful matter which the title would imply and presented with a fullness and clearness which delights while it instructs. It is, in fact, a merchant's magazine in the large acceptance of the term—merchants who go between nations, whose large operations bring many departments of knowledge, and a view of the state of the world into daily requisition. But it is not the great merchant only, but the one of more modest, but, nevertheless, of most useful operations—who will find this magazine to abound with the information, the pursuit of his business and the elevation of the mercantile character requires. Nor is its utility at all confined to merchants, but extends to the legislator and diplomatists, and to all who are charged with managing the affairs of the nation. For myself, I have found it most useful to me in my senatorial labors, and have been in the habit for many years of carefully consulting it. Very respectfully, sir, your obedient servant,
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